

PROCLAMATION HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH JUNE 2004

WHEREAS, homeownership is a key component of the American Dream, stabilizing neighborhoods, fostering healthy communities and promoting personal well-being; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of a home is the largest financial investment most households make, fostering prosperity for families and strengthening personal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency and North Dakota's affordable housing partners are working together to increase homeownership opportunities for the people of our state so that more citizens can experience the joy, financial security and sense of community that comes with owning their own home; and

WHEREAS, throughout Homeownership Month, we recognize the local, state, federal, private and non-profit housing professionals who are dedicated to the homeownership dream and helping North Dakotans achieve it; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 2004, **HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State